

PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Paul O. Sheppard, Debra G. Gilbertson  
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CHROMOSOME 13  
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Date : March 30, 2004

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to taking up the above-identified application for examination, please amend the application as follows: